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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This document is accompanied by Form PTO-1449 citing Japanese Patent Application No. JPA 10-254074 (Item A) along with its English Abstract (Item AA). JPA 10-254074 is referenced in the specification of the above application (see, paragraph [0040] of the published US application, 2002-0015192 A1).

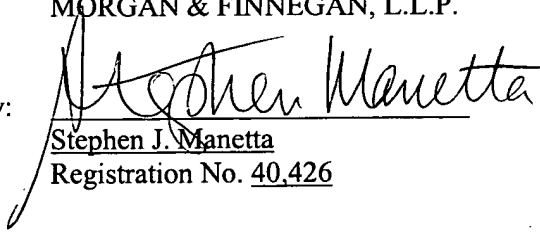
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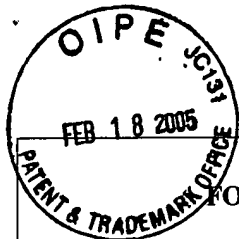
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